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SUBJ: LOCAL REACTION TO TODMAN ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL LEAVE  
PRESENT JOB

1. ALL LOCAL PAPERS HAVE FEATURED WIRE SERVICE REPORTS WHICH  
EMPHASIZE THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S DEPARTURE FROM ARA  
IS A VICTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS HARDLINERS IN WASHINGTON.

2. THE COLORADO PARTY'S DAILY "PATRIA" REPRINTS JOHN M. GOSKO'S  
"WASHINGTON POST" APRIL 8 ARTICLE IN FULL IN ITS EDITORIAL SECTION  
TODAY, WHILE "HOY" (WHICH HAS BEEN CARRYING ON A CAMPAIGN OF VILLIFI-  
CATION AGAINST THE USG) EDITORIALIZES THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS  
GOTTEN RID OF THE ONE PERSON WHO COULD PROPERLY "BRING ABOUT AND  
FULFILL AN INVESTIGATION CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS" IN LATIN AMERICA.  
"HOY" SAYS THE PRESIDENT ACTED BECAUSE TODMAN OPPOSED HIS HUMAN  
RIGHTS POLICY. THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT MR. TODMAN DID NOT  
SATISFY THOSE WHO "DIRECT THE INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS  
OF COUNTRIES DEPENDENT ON (U.S.) ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID" AND  
THEREFORE WAS INVITED "TO REQUEST A PURELY DIPLOMATIC POSTING."

3. UNQUESTIONABLY, THERE IS DISMAY ON THE PART OF THE GOP  
OVER MR. TODMAN'S REPORTED DEPARTURE. NUMEROUS HIGH RANKING  
OFFICIALS HAVE EXPRESSED SORROW AND EVEN ANGER OVER THE LOSS  
OF THE ONE OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON WHO HAD VISITED PARAGUAY  
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AND WHO THEY FELT HAD SOME UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR PROBLEMS.  
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